

ATTENTION DEVELOPERS, BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS!!!

Construction and Demolition Waste

- Construction and Demolition Waste means waste building materials including, but not limited to, wood (2x4's, plywood, pallets, lumber of any type), paper, cardboard, siding, sheet rock, insulation, shingles, buckets, carpet, wiring, etc.
- Construction and Demolition Waste cannot be burned.
- The one and only pertinent exception is that on cold days, clean and untreated lumber may be used to create a hand-warming fire.
- Neither the Georgia Forestry Commission nor a local Fire Department can issue a permit to burn Construction and Demolition Waste.
- Construction and Demolition Waste cannot be buried, even if the property owner grants express permission to do so.
- Construction and Demolition Waste must go to a permitted landfill.

Land Clearing Debris and other Inert Waste

- Inert Waste means land clearing debris such as stumps, limbs, leaves and brush, as well as concrete, cured asphalt, brick, rock and earth and earth like products.
- In Counties with a population less than 65,000 vegetative land clearing debris may be burned above ground in accordance with Chapter 391-3-1(5)(a) 11. of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control and all other applicable laws.
- In Counties with a population greater than 65,000 vegetative land clearing debris must be burned with the use of an air curtain destructor in accordance with Chapter 391-3-1(5)(a)13. of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control and all other applicable laws.
- The Burning Ban which is in effect May 1 through September 31 of each year for the thirteen metro area counties in the Ozone Non-attainment area primarily pertains to vegetative land clearing debris and has nothing to do with Whether Construction and Demolition Waste may or may not be burned. Construction and Demolition Waste cannot be burned.
- Inert Waste may not be buried unless a permit-by-rule is obtained from the Division
- No portion of an Inert Waste disposal area shall be located within 100 linear feet of any property line or enclosed structure.
- Builders and contractors, severally and jointly, will be held responsible by the Environmental Protection Division to dispose of Construction and Demolition Debris in a manner consistent with the following:

Be advised, Chapter 391-3-4-.04 of the Rules for Solid Waste Management (Authority O.C.G.A. §12-8-20 et seq., as amended), provides that no solid waste may be disposed of by any person in an open dump, nor may any person cause, suffer, allow or permit open dumping on his property; nor shall any person engage in solid waste handling or construct or operate a solid waste handling facility... without first obtaining a permit from the Director authorizing such activities may incur a civil penalty, not to exceed \$25,000 per violation per day.

Furthermore, you are advised that it is a violation of Rule 391-3-1-.02 Section (5) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control to burn waste of any kind, even if the burning is done safely. It is also a violation of §391-3-4.04(1) of the Rules for Solid Waste Management to dispose of solid waste in a manner that will impair the air quality, impair the quality of ground and surface waters, impair the quality of the environment or likely create other hazards to the public health, safety, or well being as may be determined by the Division. Violations are subject to civil penalties as provided by the law.

